

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 403 without my signature.

Although tank vessels transporting chemicals on California waters can pose challenges, local Harbor Safety Committees and the United States Coast Guard already have authority to require safety measures for vessels which might pose a particular threat to the port or environment. My Office of Homeland Security has expressed concerns that I share, that the report required in this bill, particularly by disclosing the list of tank vessels, their specific structure and safety features, the type and quantity of their chemical cargoes and their ports of call could actually threaten, instead of protect, both the environment and public.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger